

Nurturing Faith...

Every Day in Every Way



February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10 (10)

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

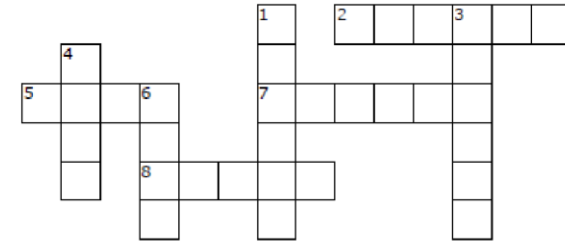
Hellooo friends! Imagine that you were in the kitchen making homemade chocolate chip cookies. Your grow-up takes the cookies out of the oven, these warm, hot, gooey cookies, and tells you that you cannot have any. Your grown-up leaves the kitchen for a moment and you are left alone with those yummy cookies. Would you be tempted to sneak one?

In today's Gospel lesson from Mark, we hear that Jesus was whisked away into the wilderness just after he has been baptized. In the wilderness, the devil pays him a visit. Now, the devil is a trickster and wants Jesus' full attention, but Jesus worships only God. Mark's Gospel doesn't tell us what happened in the conversation between the devil and Jesus, but I'm sure that the devil was up to no good. No matter what the devil throws at Jesus, Jesus stays faithful to God. Jesus was able to stay strong because he was filled with the Holy Spirit and he was able to remember God's words from scripture.

In our liturgy, every week we say the Lord's Prayer and we pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." It's not always easy to do the right thing, is it? When we find ourselves tempted to do the wrong thing, we can remember that we, too, are filled with the Holy Spirit and we can think about God's words, just like Jesus did.

Loving God, help us to remember that you are bigger and stronger than the devil, who tries to trick us into doing things that we shouldn't. Fill our hearts with your words so that we can resist temptation. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. The river where Jesus was baptized
5. The man who baptized Jesus
7. Messengers of God
8. A clear, odorless liquid; H₂O

DOWN

1. The place where God is
3. A dry area with very little vegetation
4. The opposite of bad
6. Information about recent events

ANGELS	DESERT	GOOD	JOHN
NEWS	WATER	HEAVEN	JORDAN

Activity: This week, how about making some chocolate chip cookies for your family. Instead of sneaking one, put an equal amount in little bags for everyone.

Discussion Question: Talk about a time when you were tempted to do something that you shouldn't. How did that make your heart feel? We all do things that are wrong, but our God loves us no matter what. It is because of God's love that we try to do the very best that we can every day.

Family Table Prayer for February:

Hearts and crosses fill our month. As we think of you. Jesus fill our life with love today, and all year through. Amen

February Memory Verse: 1 John 4:8 Anyone who does not know love does not know God because God is love.



My Lenten Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for giving Your life
for me and for everyone in the world.
Just as You fasted 40 days in the desert,
I want to remember Your sacrifice during Lent,
by doing the following:

Please help me to do this out of love for You,
and help me in my hour of need.

Amen.

Name : _____

Date : _____

